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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proposed Discontinuance of IAC Progress Reports

1. IAC Progress Reports have been issued regularly since November 1950. They were originally intended to reflect progress achieved primarily in the preparation of National Estimates, and secondarily in other matters of concern to the IAC. Their inception coincided with and were part of the development of a program of National Estimates (IAC-M-3; IAC-PR-1).

2. IAC Progress Reports were issued biweekly until July 1951, monthly until January 1953, and have been issued bimonthly during 1953. As the interval between these reports has been lengthening there has been a concurrent development of other reports. Thus, the semi-annual IAC Progress Report to the NSC (IAC-D-55 series) and the annual Program of National Estimates, with quarterly revisions (IAC-D-1 series) have become established routines. Similarly, most of the IAC permanent subcommittees are now making recurrent reports (D-6, D-13, D-22, D-28, D-53, and D-74 series).

3. In view of the foregoing, it is doubted that the continued production of an IAC Progress Report, even on a bimonthly basis, is a profitable exercise. Accordingly, it is proposed to discontinue this series entirely. Users of the reports are requested to notify their views, if any, to the Secretary by 31 December 1953.

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